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## International Lighthouse Weekend 2013



This popular radio event will take place on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 0001 UTC on Saturday and finishing at 2359 UTC on Sunday. It will coincide with the International Lighthouse Weekend, an event organised by the [Association of Lighthouse Keepers](http://www.illw.net). Many world lighthouses are open to the public during the weekend with tours, entertainment and functions. This year around 10 lighthouses are expected to be on the air from Ireland. More at: [www.illw.net](http://www.illw.net)

## Galway VHF Group: Summer Events

**The Galway VHF Group** supported 2 big events in June. The *Croi Cycle* and the *Galway Regatta* both of which took place in Dangan, Co Galway. They also expect to be involved with the *Galway Walking Club Marathon* on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The VHF group are an extremely “radio active” club and have provided much-needed radio support for many events over the years. For more see: <http://www.galwayvhfgroup.com/>



## EI13CLAN Calling ...

After six months of use, the special call-sign **EI13CLAN** has seen over 16,300 QSOs, 60% on CW, 32% on phone and 8% on data and over 38,000 hits on QRZ.com. This has led to a number of requests for “skeds” on modes other than CW for those ops looking for the CLAN cert. **EI13CLAN** would like to see more activity with the call on phone or data and would encourage members to have a go, and get the call on the air. Please contact **Dave O'Connor EI6AL** at: [dave.ei6al@gmail.com](mailto:dave.ei6al@gmail.com) to arrange a band and time that would suit. For further details visit [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)



## Youngsters on the Air - UPDATE

A team of young operators has been organised to represent the IRTS for this year's **Youngsters On The Air** event in Tartu, Estonia from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. The EI team consists of: Ger McNamara EI4GXB (Team Leader) Lisa Cummins EI9GSB, Caoimhe McNamara EI1650, Jordan Cummins SWL, Kelsey Aspell SWL. A Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/youngstersontheair/> has been set up. Workshops will be run throughout the week and all aspects of Amateur Radio will be covered. Ger EI4GXB will be delivering the Antenna building workshop. Team EI will be operating on the HF bands using ES5YOTA & ES9YOTA and look forward to working lots of EIs!

## Rallies & Events

**North Cork Radio Group, Annual Radio Rally & Electronics Fair, Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September** at the Roebuck Room, Commons Inn, New Mallow Road, Blackpool, Cork. Doors open at 1100 and admission is 5 Euros (children are free). The usual traders will be present and anyone wishing to reserve a table or interested in setting up a stall contact: **Edwin Van Mierlo EI2HEB** on 086-3885741 or [ei2heb@ei1nc.com](mailto:ei2heb@ei1nc.com)

### County Cork Fox Hunt

A 2m "Fox Hunt" to coincide with the NCRG Rally weekend will take place on Saturday 14th of September. After the "Fox Hunt" there will be a social "meet and greet" at the Commons Inn before the rally event the following day. Registration for the Fox Hunt is open to all and inquiries can be made to **Edwin Van Mierlo** (see above). Further details, rules etc. are available on <http://ei1nc.com/fox-hunt-2013.html>

### Members Advertisements

**For Sale:** TGM 3 Element 20/15/10/6m Hybrid Quad with enhanced reflector & balun. Original instruction manual - 200 Euros ono. Photos available on request. For collection only at my QTH in Malahide, Co. Dublin. Contact Ned: [ei5ds@msn.com](mailto:ei5ds@msn.com)

**For Sale:** Trio (Kenwood) TS-700G 2m Base Radio. Mains powered. 120 Euros No Offers. Yaesu FT-700E with Separation Kit (boxed) & Dual Band Magnetic Antenna. Sold as one lot. 220 Euros No Offers. Contact John: [ei6ghb@gmail.com](mailto:ei6ghb@gmail.com)



As many Shortwave Listeners will know, you no longer need special or adapted receivers to be within range of the coast and monitor the **Marine Automatic Identification System (AIS)**. Providing you have an internet connection, Marine AIS can be monitored anywhere. There are a number of Marine AIS websites and apps. 'Marine Traffic' seems to be the best of these as it shows live data, whereas the free version of 'Shipfinder' has a built in delay of 12 hours while 'Vesselfinder' does not show all vessels or AIS to Navigation (AtoN). To view live maps of marine traffic visit: [www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com)

### SD by EI5DI: Now Free!

Paul's HF contest logger has been in continuous development for over 20 years. It runs on all versions of Windows, including Windows 8, and is now entirely free and unrestricted. SD supports IRTS and RSGB HF contests on the 6 HF contest bands from 160m to 10m, together with a Special Event option for logging CW and SSB QSOs on all 10 bands from 160m to 6m. It's also suitable for single-op unassisted operation in more than 200 international contests worldwide, including IOTA, ARRL DX and CQWW. You can download SD from [www.ei5di.com](http://www.ei5di.com) - and the manual SD.PDF is included - only 18 pages. Should you need help at any time, simply send your query to the SD User mailing list: [sd-user@contesting.com](mailto:sd-user@contesting.com). If you subscribe to the mailing list, you'll get advance notice of upcoming contests, news of updates and bug fixes in SD. Once again, have fun!

## Contests

### August 2013

**3:** 12 Hrs from 1200z on 3<sup>rd</sup> -European HF Championship- CW/SSB- EX: RS(T) +2 digit licence year  
**10/11:** 48 Hrs from 0000z on 10<sup>th</sup> - Worked All Europe DX Contest -CW- EX: RS(T) + Serial Number  
**17/18:** 24 Hrs from 0800z on 17<sup>th</sup> - RDA Contest - CW/SSB - Exchange:- RS(T) + Serial Number  
**24/25:** 24 Hrs from 1200z on 24<sup>th</sup> - SCC RTTY Championship- RTTY-EX: RS(T) + 4 digit licence year  
**24/25:** 24 Hrs from 1200z on 24<sup>th</sup> - YO DX HF Contest -CW/SSB - Exchange: RS(T) + Serial Number  
**25:** 2 Hrs from 1300z on 25<sup>th</sup> - **IRTS 2m Counties Contest** - FM/SSB - RS(T) + Serial No + County

Contest information by IRTS Contest Manager [thoscaffrey@hotmail.com](mailto:thoscaffrey@hotmail.com)